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1. Recent Developments:

- The Jordanian government is planning to reduce the size of the Zaatari Camp in the wake of recent violence there. The final projected capacity of the camp is being downsized from 80,000 to 60,000 persons following riots last week that caused extensive damage. The camp currently houses some 38,000 Syrians. Meanwhile more than 40,000 refugees entered Jordan in two months as the security conditions in Syria are excessively deteriorating with more than 110,000 registered and awaiting registration with UNHCR.
- A group of seven Alawite officers defected to Jordan earlier, according to the Free Syrian Army that facilitated the defection. Former senior officials in the Syrian intelligence services and military were received by Jordanian authorities upon their arrival and transferred

to a guarded safe house in the northern region, raising the total number of defections to 10 Alawite officers and over 3000 Syrian defectors currently residing in Jordan.



Inside Zaatari Camp/ Photo by Caritas Jordan

The Mafraq Health Department resumed its campaign to inoculate Syrian children at the Zaatari Refugee Camp after it was suspended due to the riots in the camp last week. 250 children were inoculated against measles and polio with more than 7,000 Syrian children have been vaccinated so far. Meanwhile, the Department has increased the work of its rapid medical response teams in the camp to fill the gap

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that has been left as a result of pulling back a number of the field hospitals because of the sabotage acts that took place recently in the camp.

- The Mafraq governor has said that since the beginning of the Syrian crisis, there are 600,000 Syrians who are residing in Jordan, 200,000 are refugees and 400,000 entered legally through the official borders. He noted that 40,000 urban Syrians are residing in the governorate which are badly affecting the local communities' work chances and infrastructure.
- The Bahrain Education Centre is scheduled to open to Syrian students at the Zaatari Camp before the end of this month and includes four separate schools with a 4,000 student capacity, which the ministry of education in cooperation with UNICEF will oversee and supervise. The Centre will include 4 primary and secondary schools in addition to medical labs, sports playgrounds, teachers and administrative offices.

2. Caritas Response:

- The following table shows the numbers of Syrian refugees registered in Caritas database, which reached **49134** individuals, with a total of **9695** families until October 16, 2012:

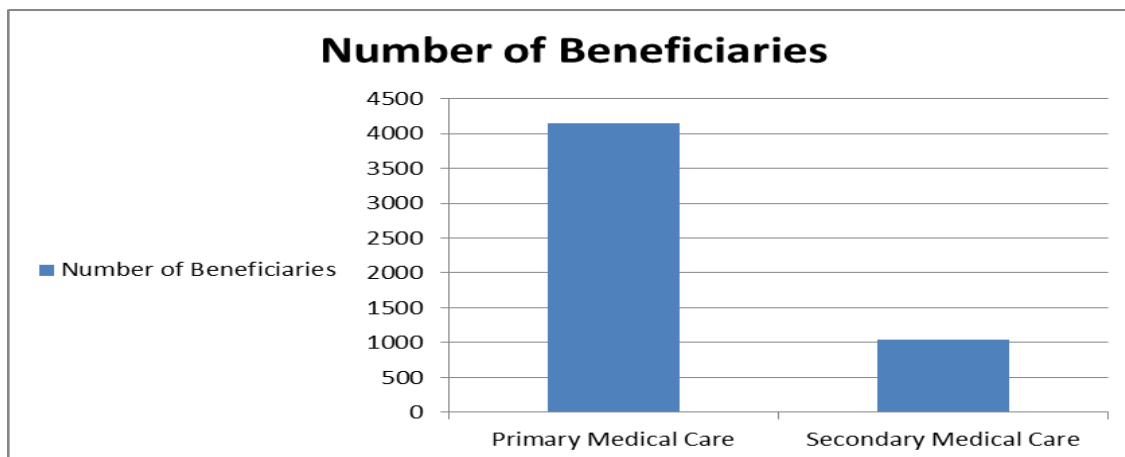
Centers	Mafraq	Zarqa	Irbid	Amman	Madaba	Total
Registered cases	4045	1806	3045	509	290	9695
Average per/day	25 cases	30 cases	104 cases	100 cases	5 cases	264 cases per/ day
Families	4045	1806	3045	509	290	9695
Individuals	24176	8124	14323	1330	1181	49134
Average Family size	5.97	4.49	4.70	2.61	4.08	

- **The Emergency Medical project** is implemented in Mafraq, Zarqa, Irbid, Kerak and Amman. Primary and secondary health care including screening, inpatient and outpatient services are provided through this project that is expected to conclude in November 2012.

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Total primary health care services: **4153** cases and total secondary health care services: **1048** cases, until 30-9-2012, The below chart shows number of beneficiaries who have been served so far through this project.

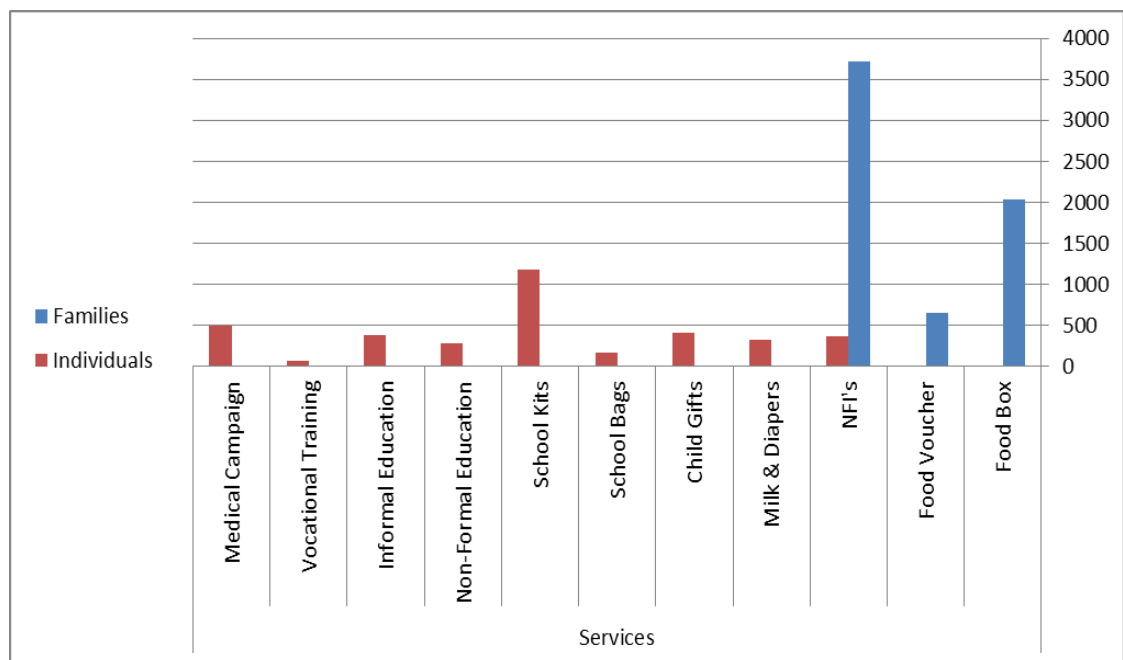


- Caritas Jordan staff and volunteers in all Caritas emergency centers continue to assist new arrivals of Syrian refugees through distribution of Humanitarian material resources, funded by MCC: (1 hygiene kit +1 comforter) for each individual in particular for those (single m/f, family of 2, family of 3) and (1 relief kit +comforters for each member for family of 4 and more).
 - **Hygiene Kits:** each kit includes a towel, a toothbrush, a toothpaste, soap and nail clipper distributed to students and single males or females.
 - **Relief Kits:** each kit includes; 4 towels, 5 toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, 4 laundry soaps, 3 hair combs, 1 sanitary napkins pack and 1 nail clipper.
- **As part of Caritas Jordan role in Educational Response Plan for Syrians, 6000 School Kits** are distributed in Mafraq, Zarqa, Amman and Irbid for Syrian and Jordanian students; including 4 pens, 4 notebooks, an eraser, a ruler and colours pack.

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- The following chart illustrates all types of services rendered by Caritas Jordan to Syrian refugees, comprising into **6401** families and **3657** individuals from the beginning of Caritas Emergency Response till the end of August 2012.



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Distributing HA Assistance – intake case/ Caritas emergency staff& volunteers/ photos by Caritas Jordan



Photo by Bill Lyons for CRS

3. Additional Comments/ Remarks:

- The Qatar Foundation for Humanitarian Services (RAF) has allocated an additional amount of JD 3 million to assist the Syrian refugees in Jordan. Earlier, The foundation had presented cash and in-kind assistance to the

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Syrian refugees since the beginning of the crisis with a total amount of JD 3 million.

- The Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) has received humanitarian assistance extended by the Austrian government for Syrian refugees. The assistance included 2,000 blankets and 20 special heating units for tents, which will be distributed to Syrians in the Zaatari Refugee Camp in the coming days.
- JHCO has also received humanitarian assistance for Syrian refugees from the Slovakian government. The aid that included eating utensils and blankets, was a response to the joint appeal launched in August by Jordan and international relief organizations to help Syrian refugees in Jordan.
- The UAE Red Crescent Society presented four buses to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to ease the burden of transporting Syrian refugees from their gathering point after crossing the Jordanian-Syrian border to the Zaatari Camp in Mafraq. The buses are the second batch of a donation from the society that included six buses and two ambulances.
- At least 16,000 Syrian refugees benefited from the services of the Moroccan field hospital, which was established by the Moroccan armed forces in the Zaatari Camp. The hospital services include all types of tests, surgical operations, birthing in addition to providing medicines. Children and women are the majority of beneficiaries from the hospital services.



A refugee syrian kid coming with his mother to receive food pacake at Caritas Mafraq Center/ photo by Caritas Jordan